



## A New Organizational Plan is Proposed for the Future

The Charge Conference on November 16 will consider a Revised Organizational Structure designed to accomplish 3 objectives:

- Increase Engagement
- Be More Action-Oriented
- Make Efficient Use of Time

A special task force led by Steve Sorensen has been meeting all year to propose revised organizational structure changes. They have grouped all of our ministries and activities into five Areas of Ministry:

- Worship
- Discipleship
- Welcome & Care
- Missions
- Support/Administration

### Two New Concepts Include:

1. Electing a Team Leader for each of the five areas. These Team Leaders would serve as "At Large" Members of the Church Council and would also support and coordinate the various aspects of ministry in their area.
2. Church Council would only meet quarterly (4 times per year), and the area Team Leaders would meet quarterly as well, with the purpose of strategizing changes in direction. The individual committees & teams would also meet quarterly. The benefit would be that the number of committee meetings would be reduced and there would be specific time devoted to maintaining our current ministries, as well as strategizing for new ministries and initiatives. If the proposal goes forward, we'll try it out in the coming year!

Pastor Tom

### Fall Worship Schedule

Traditional Service at 8:30am • Praise Service at 10:30am

Coffee & Refreshments 9:30-10:30 • Nursery for Infants through 2 Years 8:00am-Noon

Worship Online Live at 10:30am by going to our website: [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org)

Recorded Online Service Also Available on the Website for Viewing Later in the Day or Week

**RootsKids** (aka Sunday School) Two Times to Choose From! Sunday 9:30-10:25am or 10:30-11:25am  
3 Year Olds—5th Grade • Older children welcome to help with the fun!

### COVID Response

Our COVID Response Team members (the Parish Nurses, Church Council Co-Chairs & Pastor Tom) continue to monitor the situation and have updated the policy to **"Masks are Optional and Welcome"** while in the church. We hope you will join us in worship!

### United Methodist Student Day Offering • November 28

Young people are our future. The Student Day offering provides scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students across the country. Your support can make a difference by investing in young people seeking an education!

For more information go to [iaumc.org](http://iaumc.org). An envelope is enclosed for your convenience (please make check to Asbury UMC).



**ASBURY BLOOD DRIVE - November 15—2:00-6:00**  
Upper Fellowship Hall

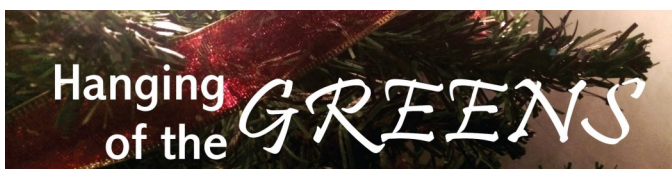


Please call Cheryl Ewert or  
the Church Office to  
Schedule Your Donation Time!

### Welcome Back!

As we celebrate being together in worship once again, the Worship Commission would like to remind you to please wear your Asbury nametag. If you would like to order a nametag you may call the church office.

(No cost for Asbury members 8th grade and older.)



The Worship Commission will be **"Hanging the Greens"** on **Sunday afternoon, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00**. If you would like to volunteer, we would very much appreciate your help to carry, lift, hang and decorate our church as we transition to Advent! Contact the church office to sign-up.

Thank you!  
Asbury Worship Commission

**One Starry Night**  
*a Journey to Bethlehem*

**Saturday • December 5 • 3:00-5:30 PM**

**Actors and Craft Items Needed!**  
**Help Needed Setting Up**

Please Sign-Up in the Church Narthex  
or Contact Linda Carver or the Church Office



**RootsKids** will start practicing for the **Family Christmas Eve Service** with handbells, a Christmas skit and music!  
If your family has a talent to share, let us know! We would like to include it!  
**Contact Linda Carver or the Church Office.**





# Message from Your Parish Nurse Team



God provides us with a bounty of blessings, if only we will allow ourselves to notice them. As we look toward our Thanksgiving gatherings, take some time to actively reflect on all of the blessing in your life. Purposefully think of something different each day and say a prayer of thanks.

Use Galatians 5:22-23 as a Guide:



But the fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
fruitfulness, gentleness  
and self-control.  
Against such things  
There is no law.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.  
Brenda, Carol, Cheryl



## Christmas Outreach for Seniors



Our 2021 Christmas Outreach Project will be gifts for the residents at Generations of Rock Island, a rehabilitation and skilled nursing care center. We will be collecting monetary donations only through November 28 which will be used for our ministry members to purchase body wash and special treats requested by them. Please do not purchase these items on your own. You may make your check to Asbury UMC and mark "Generations" on the memo line. Our gifts will be delivered to the residents on December 1. **THANK YOU!**

### ASBURY IN MISSION

The Asbury in Mission (AIM) team has chosen to focus on the **Churches United Meal Site at Zion Lutheran Church** in Davenport as our Mission of the Month for November. This meals site is held Monday through Friday every week, and Asbury prepares and serves on the first Wednesday of each month. Due to Covid, the meal is now served in carry-out sacks from 5:45 to 6:30 and we stand outside, at a table, to distribute them. We buy already-prepared foods and make sandwiches. In the next few weeks we will be approaching small groups in the church and asking them to take a month.

**Any group that wants to volunteer before we contact them would be much appreciated!**  
**Please Contact Robin James, Jenny Bloomquist or Linda Carver**



Welcome Team....We are taking names of volunteers willing to serve on our Welcome Team to greet people as they arrive and to assist them in finding a seat at each worship service. Please contact Kurt Streicher at (563) 508-7614 or [vicstre@aol.com](mailto:vicstre@aol.com) or Denise Tyler at (309)721-4563 or [howdevette@gmail.com](mailto:howdevette@gmail.com) if you will help. **THANK YOU!**

- **Office Hours....**Asbury Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-Noon and afternoons by request. Please feel free to contact a staff member if you need assistance after hours.
- **Newsletter Deadline....**Articles for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 AM on Monday, November 22.**
- **Kids Club....**Fun Activities for 4th & 5th Graders on the **First Wednesday of each month from 4:30-7:00 PM.** Light meal provided. RSVP Linda at 319-573-9687 if you plan to come!
- **Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group....Every Wednesday Night from 6:00-7:00 PM.** For more information contact Connor Morrison, Director of Youth Ministries at [connorm@asbury-bett.org](mailto:connorm@asbury-bett.org) or text 309-373-5316. Adult chaperones needed!
- **Card Ministry....Meets the second Wednesday of each month.** Contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon for more information!
- **Ladies in Fellowship Together...**Details of dates and events can be found on our LIFT Facebook page. You may also contact Marian Paulson at [marianedmund@yahoo.com](mailto:marianedmund@yahoo.com). We invite all women to join us!
- **Asbury Men's Group....Holiday Schedule: Meeting Saturdays at 7:45am on November 20 and December 4 & 18.** Contact Cliff Pim (563 -340-2722), Phil Paulson (309-502-9236) or the church office (355-5218) for the next **Zoom** meeting date, time and link. All men are welcome!
- **Stewards of Creation November Congregational Challenge....**Pray with thankfulness and for guidance as to how we can help protect Creation. What changes are we being asked to make? How is God calling us to respond to people and wildlife harmed by climate and environmental events? Prayers will be offered throughout the month at <https://www.facebook.com/AsburyStewardsOfCreation>  
Terracycle – We are accepting pens, highlighters, markers, glue sticks (all brands), toothpaste tubes (caps on), dental floss containers, cereal and chip bags. Please remove all crumbs from bags before lying flat in the wood chest near the elevator.
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions....**Thank you to John Cramond for his gift to the Asbury Foundation in honor of his recent birthday. For information on how you can guarantee a strong future for the life and ministry of Asbury through a gift to the Foundation, please contact John Rabine or the church office.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy.....**Our thoughts & prayers are with Steve & Patti Sorensen on the death of Steve's father, Ken, on October 19.
- **Praises and Requests for Prayer....**may be submitted on our website by clicking on the **"Prayers & Praise"** button. If you would like to be part of Asbury's Prayer Team please contact Pam & Pat Thornton, Pastor Tom or the Parish Nurse Team.

### Congregational Giving Comparison YTD through October

The Asbury Finance Team feels it is important to keep the congregation informed of the financial implications of the pandemic.  
One way is to compare congregational giving shown here.

	Oct. Year to Date 2020	Oct. Year to Date 2021	Change
Income	\$496,029	\$ 484,485	(\$11,544)

**THANK YOU....to everyone who has continued to faithfully give your tithes and offerings during the pandemic.**  
**Gifts may be mailed to the church or go to our website [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://JesusIsTheBridge.org) to give electronically.**